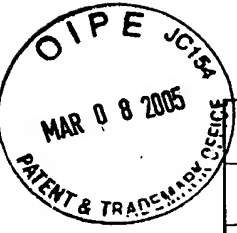


3732
1 fu



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Docket No. SPINE 3.0-2153 CIP DIV
Application No. 10/091,708	Filing Date March 6, 2002	Examiner M. B. Priddy	Art Unit 3732

Applicant(s): Hansen Yuan, David Nichols, and Eric Finley

Invention: DEVICE FOR SECURING SPINAL RODS

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	39	- 40 =		x	
Independent Claims	6	- 4 =	2	x 200.00	400.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					
Other fee (please specify):					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:					400.00

- ☒ Large Entity ☐ Small Entity
- ☐ No additional fee is required for this amendment.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 in the amount of \$ 400.00.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 12-1095 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Credit any overpayment.
- ☒ Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.

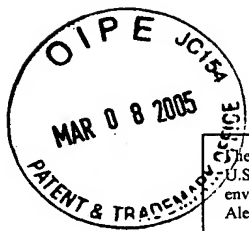
Michael J. Doherty
Michael J. Doherty
Attorney Reg. No.: 40,592

Dated: March 4, 2005

LERNER, DAVID, LITTENBERG, KRUMHOLZ & MENTLIK, LLP
600 South Avenue West
Westfield, New Jersey 07090
(908) 518-6337

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: MS Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: March 4, 2005 Signature: Michael J. Doherty (Michael J. Doherty)



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: March 4, 2005

Signature:

Michael J. Doherty
(Michael J. Doherty)

Docket No.: SPINE 3.0-2153
CIP DIV
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Yuan et al.

Application No.: 10/091,708

Filed: March 6, 2002

For: DEVICE FOR SECURING SPINAL RODS

:
:
:
:
: Group Art Unit: 3732
:
: Examiner: M. B. Priddy
:
:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2005,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

03/09/2005 SFELEKE1 00000026 121095 10091708

01 FC:1201 400.00 DA